

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

NOTE:

This is the second public notice issued for this project. City of Auburn Public Works re-applied for certification of this project on October 28, 2009. The project impacts have been minimized and the off-site mitigation site has been changed.

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

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Project Name:

Auburn A Street NW Extension:
3rd Street NW to 14th Street NW

Public Notice Date: 12/9/09

Comment Period Ends:
12/30/09

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
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Location

A Street NW, between 3rd Street NW and 14th Street NW, Auburn, King County, WRIA 9, S. 12, T. 21N, R. 4E and S. 13, T. 21N, R. 4E.

Purpose

The purpose of the work is to provide a connection between the commercial area and downtown Auburn, and to relieve congestion on Auburn Way North and C Street Northwest.

Work

The original proposal was to fill or excavate 5.2 acres of wetlands and approximately 0.02 acre of wetland buffer, in order to construct 0.5 mile of a new arterial to form a north-south corridor in the City of Auburn. Mitigation was to occur at an off-site location approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest of the project area, on either side of State Route 167. Mitigation was to include enhancement of 21.1 acres of an existing emergent, shrub, and forested wetland and 0.04 acre of buffer.

Changes in the roadway and stormwater facilities design have reduced wetland fill impacts to approximately 3.3 acres. The off-site mitigation location has changed. The new mitigation site is within the Mill Creek Basin, located two parcels north of the previous site. The 36-acre site is part of the Auburn Environmental Park property. Mitigation may include a combination of wetland creation and wetland enhancement/rehabilitation. Ecology is currently awaiting a revised mitigation plan.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 21 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.